

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel for surface drainage, ~~in particular in the region of streets and other public areas,~~ defining a channel compartment and comprising an elongate molded body (10), ~~in particular made of concrete polymer, with~~ defining an upper surface (11) over which vehicles can travel and which itself defines ~~comprises~~ inlet openings (20) that open into said a channel compartment (30), side walls (12, 13) ~~and,~~ a floor (14), and end faces (15, 16) adapted for connection to ~~which can be connected~~ additional drainage channels, catch pits or similar drainage installations; such that the channel compartment is defined by (30) ~~comprises adjoining boundary surfaces, in particular~~ a ceiling boundary surface (31) nearest said the upper surface (11), side boundary surfaces (32, 33) and a base boundary surface (34), ~~characterized in that the~~ said ceiling boundary surface being (31) ~~is constructed so as to be~~ parallel to said the upper surface (11) and at least one side boundary surface (32, 33) and at least one of said ~~the~~ base boundary surface (34) ~~or and said~~ the ceiling boundary surface (31) ~~are constructed to produce~~ defining a conical tapering of said the channel compartment (30) in a the direction from one of said end faces (15, 16) to said the other end face.
2. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that the~~ said inlet openings (20) ~~are constructed so as to~~ taper conically from said the upper surface (11) to said the channel compartment (30).
3. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 1, wherein ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ said inlet openings at least on their marginal side are defined by ~~the inlet openings (20, 20')~~ comprise edges (21, 21') that extend substantially linearly in a the long direction of the channel.

4. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 1, wherein said side walls define ~~characterized in that~~ lateral inlet openings (23) ~~are provided in the side walls (12, 13),~~ which open into the inlet openings (20, 20') on a ~~the~~ marginal side.
5. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 4, wherein said ~~characterized in that~~ lateral inlet openings (23) ~~are constructed so as to~~ taper toward said the channel compartment (30).
6. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 1, wherein ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ at the end faces (15, 16) sealing junctions (17) are provided at said end faces that are adapted to ~~can be filled with~~ a sealing material (18).
7. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to ~~one of the preceding claims, in particular according to~~ Claim 6, wherein said ~~characterized in that~~ at the end faces (15, 16) ~~there are provided~~ define end-face inlet openings (25, 25') that open into said end faces.
8. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 7, wherein said ~~characterized in that~~ the end-face inlet openings (25, 25') are constructed so such that by means of which said the sealing junctions (17) ~~can be accessed~~ are accessible for at least one of entry by an injection tool for the injection of said ~~injecting the~~ sealing material (18) ~~and/or are accessible~~ for observing this procedure.
9. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the ceiling boundary surface (31) is provided with at least one of a reinforcing material and a ~~or~~ filter fabric ~~or similar sheet of material~~ (27).
10. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the upper surface (11) comprises elevated sections (19, 19') at its edge.

11. (Currently Amended) Drainage channel according to Claim 10, wherein said ~~characterized in that the~~ elevated sections comprise ~~are constructed as~~ continuous marginal strips (19, 19') outside said the inlet openings (20, 20'; 25).
12. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for manufacturing a drainage channel, comprising
a molding box defining (40) ~~that comprises~~ at least a floor (41) and side walls (45, 46);
at least one core (42) ~~that can~~ adapted to be pulled out of said the molding box (40) and adapted is used to form a channel compartment, ~~the~~ that defines a cross section of which tapers conically along its long direction and which is defined by ~~comprises~~ a planar bottom surface (43) that extends parallel to said the floor (41), and
a set of ~~in particular equally~~ long cores (44) adapted to form inlet openings, ~~which are constructed and~~ to taper conically as they extend from said the floor (41) to said at least one the core (42).
13. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said at least one ~~characterized in that the~~ core (42) ~~comprises~~ defines a planar lower surface (43) that extends parallel to said the floor (41).
14. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim ~~one of the claims 11 or 12~~, wherein said ~~characterized in that the~~ set of cores (44) is fixedly attached to said the floor (41).
15. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim ~~one of the claims 12-14~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ at least two of said set of long ~~some of the~~ cores (44) ~~provided to form inlet openings~~ comprise in their interior movable press-out rods, which can be moved so that after the drainage channel has partially hardened, said the press-out rods can be used to lift it away from said set of long the cores (44).